



**Valley Primary School**  
Growing and Learning together  
to be the best we can be!  
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# Reception Newsletter

## Spring Second Half Term 2023

### Literacy

*Text Focus: On Sudden Hill and Errol's Garden*

- Continue phonic groups – your child may have a teacher who is not their class teacher for their phonics session
- Say the sound for each set 1 special friends – ch, sh, qu, th, ng, nk
- Begin to say the sound for some Set 2 special friends- ay, oo, igh, ee, ow
- Begin to read and write simple phrases or short sentences
- Use finger spaces between words
- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed

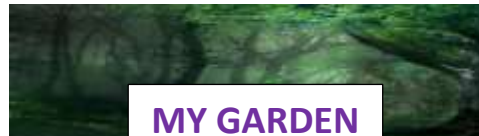
### Maths

**Key Instant Recall Fact:** I can say 1 more than a given number to 10.

- Compare quantities up to 10
- Recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity
- Recall some number bonds to 10.
- Understand the composition of numbers to 10

### Communication and language

- Hold conversations when engaged in back and forth exchanges with teachers and peers.
- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.



### Expressive arts and design

- Use available resources to adapt narratives and stories
- Draw pictures linked to plants
- Adapt different narratives in their play
- Continue to expand their range of nursery rhymes
- Painting – water colour
- Drawing – charcoal
- Sculpture – paper sculpture

### Personal, social and emotional development

- Wash and dry hands independently
- Go to the toilet independently
- Explore the need for a healthy lifestyle
- Use kind words to encourage people
- Say how I feel when I achieve a goal.

### Important Information:

PE – **Tuesday** (Peake), **Thursday** (Aston) and **Friday** (Grylls).

- All PE kits must stay in school in a plain purple or black draw string bag. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE day.
  - All clothes items, bags and water bottles should be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name. We cannot return lost property unless it is named.
- Reading** – Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.

**Library books** – Please read this with your child several times so that they can become familiar with it and begin to join in familiar parts. Please return it the following Tuesday.

**Our Value this half term: Honesty**

**Our Life Skill this half term: Decision Making Skills**

### Physical development

- Show strength, balance and coordination
- Hold a pencil effectively using a tripod grip
- Use cutlery carefully

### Understanding the world

- Growing plants and making observations about similarities and differences
- Use iPads to take photographs of observations
- Contrast different environments
- Compare different religions and cultures through celebrations happening at this time of the year